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C O N F I D E N T I A L USUN 4187

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PORG, UNGA, RP  
SUBJECT: PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL TO HOST 33RD UNGA - DEVELOPMENTS

REF: A. USUN 4090 (NOTAL); B. USUN 4108 (NOTAL); C. USUN 4151(NOTAL)

1. SUMMARY: UN SECRETARIAT SURVEY MISSION NOW SCHEDULED  
DEPART NEW YORK FOR MANILA ON NOVEMBER 4, BUTTHERE ARE  
INDICATIONS THAT FURTHER POSTPONEMENT MAY OCCUR. SOVIET  
MISSION SPOKESMAN HAS EXPRESSED "PERSONAL" VIEW PUBLICLY  
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THAT PHILIPPINE OFFER PRESENTS PROBLEMS. BRAZIL'S PERMREP  
REPORTED TO BE STRONGLY OPPOSED. NETHERLANDS, IN DIPLOMATIC  
NOTE, HAS EXPRESSED SERIOUS RESERVATIONS REGARDING PHILIPPINE  
OFFER. REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN PLAN TO MEET WITH ASIAN GROUP  
CHAIRMAN TO VOICE DIFFICULTIES WITH PHILIPPINE OFFER  
IN EARLY NOVEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. UN UNDER-SECRETARY-GENERAL BUFFUM TOLD US OCTOBER 28 THAT SECRETARIAT SURVEY MISSION NOW TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED TO DEPART FOR MANILA FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4. HOLIDAYS EARLIER IN WEEK OF OCTOBER 31 IN PHILIPPINES PROVIDED REASON FOR DELAY IN DEPARTURE PLANS. BUFFUM POINTED OUT TO US THAT SECRETARIAT SURVEY MISSION PROPERLY COULD ONLY LOOK INTO FACILITIES TO HOUSE AND SERVICE UN SECRETARIAT. HE ADDED THAT MORE DIFFICULT QUESTION TO BE LOOKED INTO COULD BE HOUSING AND SERVICING FACILITIES FOR AS MANY AS 149 UN MEMBER MISSIONS PLUS A NUMBER OF OBSERVER OFFICES.

3. ACCORDING BUFFUM, BRAZIL'S PERMREP CORREA DA COSTA ADAMANTLY OPPOSES PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL AND IS PREPARED IF NECESSARY TO OPPOSE IN UNGA.

4. NETHERLANDS MISSION ADVISED US OCTOBER 28 THAT NETHERLANDS FOREIGN MINISTRY IN REPLY TO PHILIPPINE NOTE HAS EXPRESSED SERIOUS RESERVATIONS REGARDING PHILIPPINE PROPOSAL.

5. SOVIET MISSION SPOKESMAN IN PRESS CONFERENCE AT UN HEADQUARTERS OCTOBER 26 EXPRESSED "PERSONAL" VIEW THAT PHILIPPINE OFFER DESPITE ITS GENEROSITY PRESENTED REAL PROBLEMS.

6. WEOG CHAIRMAN FOR OCTOBER JANKOWITZ (AUSTRIA), SINCE VINCI GROUP MEETING OCTOBER 26 (REFTEL A), HAS MET WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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NON-ASIAN REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN. JANKOWITZ TOLD MISOFF OCTOBER 28 THAT CONSENSUS OF THESE CHAIRMEN WAS THAT APPROACH TO ASIAN GROUP CHAIRMAN SHOULD BE DEFERRED UNTIL EARLY NOVEMBER WHEN NOVEMBER REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN HAD TAKEN OVER. JANKOWITZ ADDED THAT, AFTER BEING IN TOUCH WITH SECRETARIAT, HE BELIEVED SURVEY MISSION MIGHT NOT DEPART AT ALL. JANKOWITZ'S VIEW, AND WE GATHERED FROM HIM THE VIEW OF OTHER NON-ASIAN REGIONAL GROUP CHAIRMEN, IS THAT IT WOULD BE PREMATURE FOR SURVEY MISSION TO DEPART BEFORE GENERAL COMMITTEE HAD COMMENCED CONSIDERATION OF ITEM AND PUT QUESTIONS TO A SURVEY MISSION. JANKOWITZ HOPED THAT THE GENERAL COMMITTEE MAY NEVER BE ASKED BY PHILIPPINES TO CONSIDER ITEM.

7. COMMENT: BUFFUM WAS BY NO MEANS SO CATEGORIC TO US THAT SURVEY MISSION SHOULD NOT GO IF GENERAL COMMITTEE HAD NOT MET AND STARTED CONSIDERATION OF ITEM. AS SUGGESTED ABOVE, BUFFUM DID NOT RULE OUT THE POSSIBILITY, HOWEVER, THAT SEVERAL SURVEY MISSIONS MIGHT BE REQUIRED IN WHAT COULD BECOME IF NECESSARY A PROLONGED EXAMINATION OF THE PHILIPPINE OFFER.

FYI: BUFFUM SEES INADEQUACIES IN COMMUNICATIONS

AND PRINTING FACILITIES AS ACHILLES TENDONS OF PHILIPPINE  
OFFER. END FYI.  
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